

2018 Current Fiscal Year Report: Eastern Washington Resource Advisory Council

Report Run Date: 06/05/2019 05:16:12 PM

1. Department or Agency

Department of the Interior

2. Fiscal Year

2018

3. Committee or Subcommittee

Eastern Washington Resource Advisory Council

3b. GSA Committee No.

2068

4. Is this New During Fiscal Year?

No

5. Current Charter

03/05/2018

6. Expected Renewal Date

03/05/2020

7. Expected Term Date

8a. Was Terminated During Fiscal Year?

No

8b. Specific Termination Authority

5 U.S.C. Appendix

8c. Actual Term Date

9. Agency Recommendation for Next Fiscal Year

Continue

10a. Legislation Req to Terminate?

Not Applicable

10b. Legislation Pending?

Not Applicable

11. Establishment Authority Statutory (Congress Created)

12. Specific Establishment Authority

Federal Land Policy and Management Act, Sec. 309

13. Effective Date

10/21/1976

14. Committee Type

Continuing

14c. Presidential?

No

15. Description of Committee Non Scientific Program Advisory Board

16a. Total Number of Reports

No Reports for this Fiscal Year

17a. Open 1 17b. Closed 0 17c. Partially Closed 0 Other Activities 0 17d. Total 1 Meetings and Dates

Purpose	Start	End
The 15-member EWRAC will meet to discuss the use and development of the lands administered by the Spokane District in central and eastern Washington. Members represent an array of stakeholder interests in the land and resources from within the local area and statewide. All advisory council meetings are open to the public. Members of the public will have the opportunity to make comments to the EWRAC during the public comment period.	10/26/2017	10/26/2017

Number of Committee Meetings Listed: 1

	Current FY	Next FY
18a(1). Personnel Pmts to Non-Federal Members	\$0.00	\$0.00
18a(2). Personnel Pmts to Federal Members	\$0.00	\$0.00
18a(3). Personnel Pmts to Federal Staff	\$5,797.00	\$6,000.00
18a(4). Personnel Pmts to Non-Member Consultants	\$0.00	\$0.00
18b(1). Travel and Per Diem to Non-Federal Members	\$2,524.00	\$3,000.00
18b(2). Travel and Per Diem to Federal Members	\$0.00	\$0.00

18b(3). Travel and Per Diem to Federal Staff	\$501.00	\$550.00
18b(4). Travel and Per Diem to Non-member Consultants	\$0.00	\$0.00
18c. Other(rents,user charges, graphics, printing, mail, etc.)	\$326.00	\$500.00
18d. Total	\$9,148.00	\$10,050.00
19. Federal Staff Support Years (FTE)	0.20	0.20

20a. How does the Committee accomplish its purpose?

The District is committed to fully engaging the RAC and boosting the performance to ensure effectiveness. The current Resource Management Plan Amendment requires RAC input and review of all plan alternatives.

20b. How does the Committee balance its membership?

The Committee has three different categories and through recruitment we strive to (and succeed with) getting a good mix of the varied interests within each category.

20c. How frequent and relevant are the Committee Meetings?

The Eastern Washington RAC met once in FY2018. The RAC has been engaged and highly interested in the RMP as well as public access to Juniper Dunes which could allow for future development. A sub-committee was formed to help advise BLM on that very issue.

20d. Why can't the advice or information this committee provides be obtained elsewhere?

The Eastern Washington RAC provides valuable input to the Spokane District managers on a host of important land management issues. The current big ones are the RMP and list of alternatives along with Juniper Dunes access and development. The varied interests and backgrounds of the RAC members are invaluable to us.

20e. Why is it necessary to close and/or partially closed committee meetings?

N/A

21. Remarks

The Eastern Washington RAC met once in FY2018 and one recommendation was developed and provided to support a strong weed control budget and ensure the focus on weed removal and control on eastern Washington not be lost.

Designated Federal Officer

Linda Clark Spokane District Manager

Committee Members	Start	End	Occupation	Member Designation
Billingsley, Brent	04/07/2015	04/07/2018	Grazing	Representative Member

Carmichael, Ken	04/07/2015	04/07/2018	Wild Horse and Burro	Representative Member
Hoke, Dan	04/07/2015	04/07/2018	Recreation	Representative Member
Hubbard, David	04/07/2015	04/07/2018	Grazing	Representative Member
Kiss, Sephen	04/07/2015	04/07/2018	Commercial Timber	Representative Member
Lindholdt, Paul	10/05/2016	10/05/2019	Professor at Eastern Washington University	Representative Member
Mackie, Alexander (Sandy)	10/05/2016	10/05/2019	Retired Attorney	Representative Member
Mellick, Paul	12/20/2012	01/08/2019	Dispersed Recreation	Representative Member
Morgan, Mary	10/05/2016	10/05/2019	City Council Member	Representative Member
Odell, Richard	04/07/2015	04/07/2018	Environmental	Representative Member
Parrish, Bradley	10/05/2016	10/05/2019	Bureau of Reclamation	Representative Member
Ritter, Michael	01/08/2016	01/08/2019	District Wildlife Biologist	Representative Member
Williamson, Maurice	10/05/2016	10/05/2019	Commercial Timber	Representative Member

Number of Committee Members Listed: 13

Narrative Description

The Eastern Washington Resource Advisory Council (EWRAC) helps to ensure the Spokane District sustains the health, diversity and productivity of our lands by providing recommendations that represent the varied interests and uses of public land in central and eastern Washington.

What are the most significant program outcomes associated with this committee?

Checked if Applies

Improvements to health or safety	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Trust in government	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Major policy changes	<input type="checkbox"/>
Advance in scientific research	<input type="checkbox"/>
Effective grant making	<input type="checkbox"/>
Improved service delivery	<input type="checkbox"/>
Increased customer satisfaction	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Implementation of laws or regulatory requirements	<input type="checkbox"/>
Other	<input type="checkbox"/>

Outcome Comments

N/A

What are the cost savings associated with this committee?

Checked if Applies

None	<input type="checkbox"/>
Unable to Determine	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Under \$100,000	<input type="checkbox"/>
\$100,000 - \$500,000	<input type="checkbox"/>
\$500,001 - \$1,000,000	<input type="checkbox"/>

\$1,000,001 - \$5,000,000
\$5,000,001 - \$10,000,000
Over \$10,000,000
Cost Savings Other

☐
☐
☐
☐

Cost Savings Comments

An in-depth analysis has not been done to determine cost savings associated with the EWRAC. However, the contributions of the EWRAC are of great benefit to the BLM.

What is the approximate Number of recommendations produced by this committee for the life of the committee?

34

Number of Recommendations Comments

In FY18, the RAC unanimously passed a formal recommendation to the DFO that the weed budget not be reduced and that the focus on weed removal and control on eastern Washington not be lost. There were three recommendations taken in FY2012. There was one recommendation to form a sub-committee to help advise BLM on development of Juniper Dunes once public access is obtained. The recommendation was implemented and a sub-committee was formed.

What is the approximate Percentage of these recommendations that have been or will be Fully implemented by the agency?

32%

% of Recommendations Fully Implemented Comments

EWRAC recommendations have great merit, but cannot always be implemented fully due to legal or policy constraints. Recommendations on resource management plans are sometimes included in the analysis.

What is the approximate Percentage of these recommendations that have been or will be Partially implemented by the agency?

65%

% of Recommendations Partially Implemented Comments

The value of these EWRAC recommendations is such that the agency will try to implement as much of a recommendation as is realistically and legally possible.

Does the agency provide the committee with feedback regarding actions taken to

implement recommendations or advice offered?

Yes ☒ No ☐ Not Applicable ☐

Agency Feedback Comments

During meetings, the BLM briefs the EWRAC on how the Agency has implemented their recommendations.

What other actions has the agency taken as a result of the committee's advice or recommendation?

Checked if Applies

Reorganized Priorities	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Reallocated resources	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Issued new regulation	<input type="checkbox"/>
Proposed legislation	<input type="checkbox"/>
Approved grants or other payments	<input type="checkbox"/>
Other	<input type="checkbox"/>

Action Comments

N/A

Is the Committee engaged in the review of applications for grants?

No

Grant Review Comments

N/A

How is access provided to the information for the Committee's documentation?

Checked if Applies

Contact DFO	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Online Agency Web Site	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Online Committee Web Site	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Online GSA FACA Web Site	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Publications	<input type="checkbox"/>
Other	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

Access Comments

EWRAC documentation is available at BLM district offices and on the BLM website.